



# The <sup>WH</sup> Village Voice



SAVE THE DATE

**Village Halloween Celebration**  
**Saturday, October 19**  
**5:00 – 7:00 PM**

More details to follow



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## From the Office of the Mayor

Dear Residents:

Things continue moving in the Village. An update on some of the more significant happenings is below.

### Waite Hill Village Foundation

At our July Council meeting, the Waite Hill Village Foundation generously presented the Village with a check for \$29,129.16 as a contribution to help offset the cost of this year's road improvement project on Metcalf Road. The Foundation was founded in 2015 by a group of dedicated residents who are committed to helping retain the fabric of our Village. The Foundation's current efforts are led by Chris LeGros who serves as Chairperson, along with Directors Ralph Lustri, David Robertson and Ryan Cox. We all owe a debt of gratitude to those residents for their leadership and the countless hours they spend in securing financial contributions that help subsidize the Village's expenses. I would encourage each of you to learn more about the Foundation and its activities on its website by the following link: [www.waitehillfoundation.org](http://www.waitehillfoundation.org)



## **Shout Out to Sharon and Don Cox**

A shout out and sincere thanks to Sharon and Don Cox for another year of beautification efforts at Village Hall. For several years now, Sharon and Don have volunteered their time and resources to planting, watering and maintaining the beautiful flowers that adorn Village Hall in the summer months. They work unassumingly, never seeking attention, gaining their satisfaction from the beauty that their efforts produce for the benefit of all in the Village. Sharon and Don, THANK YOU!

## **Changes in the Service Department**

After over 30 years of dedicated work as a member of the Village's Service Department, Brian Miller stepped into a life of retirement in June. Finding a capable substitute for Brian and his years of experience can be challenging, but we were fortunate to come upon Austyn Richards. Austyn comes to us with a broad range of experience that will enable him to make immediate contributions to the Service Department. We welcome him as a member of the team and encourage you to do the same when you see him in the line of duty.

## **Metcalf Road**

We completed the paving of Metcalf Road in August. Initially, we were going to limit our work to the deteriorated sections that showed the most wear and tear based on an analysis conducted by our Village engineer; however, after receiving the bids, it was decided to pave the entire road since the cost was significantly less than our engineer's estimate. That made our decision an easy one and increased the life expectancy of the road now that it is fully paved.

## **Bridge Update**

You have undoubtedly noticed that many of the bridges in the Village were recently resurfaced. Maintenance of these bridges is the sole responsibility of the Lake County Engineer's office. That office has recently changed its maintenance program for bridge surfaces from an asphalt surfacing to a chip sealing.

And speaking of bridges, replacement of the Waite Hill Road and the Markell Road bridges are still scheduled for 2020 and 2021. We will keep you informed as construction activities in this regard are solidified.

## **Village Communications**

We are increasingly relying on email to communicate with our residents. If you want to be kept informed, it is becoming more and more critical that you register your email addresses with Robbi Laps at Village Hall so that all communications can be timely delivered to you. Having current emails for all residents is a matter that involves public safety, Village emergencies and regular activities. So, if you have not already done so, please get those email addresses to Robbi, sooner being better than later.

## Village Website

Remember to stay on top of all Village happenings by visiting our website, [www.waitehilloh.gov](http://www.waitehilloh.gov).

Please do not hesitate to call Village Hall or email us with any questions, comments or concerns that you have. As always, we will do our best to address them. Again, thank you for your time and interest.

Very truly yours,

*Bob Ranallo*

Robert A. Ranallo

## The Waite Hill Police Beat



Hello to all residents.

Now that summer is about gone, and the dreaded winter months are just around the corner, please remind your snow plow service that pushing snow across the street when plowing your driveway is unacceptable. The build-up of snow on the roads causes hazardous driving conditions. We will be citing the operators if our officers observe this type of plowing activity.

We all have to remember to be aware of pedestrian traffic. Our Village has had an increase in traffic over the years, causing a few incidents of crashes and near misses with pedestrians. We are trying to be diligent with the speeding vehicles on our roadways. Please contact us with any areas of concern that you may have.

The school year has started, which means school buses are out on the roads. Drivers need to be aware of children at bus stops. When you are on the road, be mindful of school bus activity and children crossing the streets.

Drivers should also maintain a safe distance when driving behind school buses. Be aware that the yellow flashing lights mean the bus is coming to a stop, while the red flashing lights mean children are getting on and off that big yellow taxi.

We have received a few complaints about golf carts being operated by children on the Village roadways. These types of vehicles are not permitted to be operated on our roadways, adults and children alike. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or anyone else at the Police Department.

Deer season is approaching fast, and they are already on the move throughout the Village. Unfortunately, the deer are not too traffic “savvy” and think they own the roads. Please be extra careful when driving. Also, we are aware of the coyote issues, and I am working with our hunters to assist us with keeping the population down.

Our officers continue to obtain signatures for our “Unwanted Visitors” list, as each resident has the opportunity to make this decision for their property. Those who **do not** sign the form will be placed on a list of persons who **do not object** to uninvited visitors coming on to their property for canvassing purposes. Anyone canvassing for commercial reasons must register with the Village and will be issued this list. Canvassers who want to speak to individuals regarding non-commercial matters (candidates for political office, ballot issues, religion, etc.) are not required to register and will be notified of Village ordinances and receive this list if seen in the Village.

Please remember, if you notice anything that does not look right or looks suspicious, please contact us. The best way to reach an officer is through the dispatcher at (440)942-1660. If it is an emergency, please call 9-1-1.

The Waite Hill Village Police Department, as always, looks forward to serving the community. Your safety and security are our top concern!

Respectfully submitted,

Keith A. DeWitt, Chief of Police

## Service Department News

Greetings to all.

The Service Department would like to join the Mayor and Council by giving a big thank you to Mr. And Mrs. Cox, for their beautiful work taking care of the Village Hall landscaping. They do a lovely job, and we are all grateful.

As 2019 winds down, the County will be putting Waite Hill Road Bridge out for bid. The Bridge is slated for full replacement and construction should start in the spring of 2020. The road will be closed for an extended period. We will have a better idea of the time frame on road closures after the bid is awarded to a contractor.

As always during fall and winter, please give our trucks and equipment extra space and drive at reduced speeds when you see us out and about. These seasons put us on the road more frequently because of continued crack sealing and asphalt repair plus plowing when the white stuff flies.

All of us in the department are looking forward to the Halloween Party and would love to see all residents, young and old. We enjoy the opportunity to meet you and socialize outside of our busy workday.

Our goal continues to provide residents the best service possible. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at (440)942-2074 or stop up and say hello.

Regards,

Bob Haynik, Service Director

## In Memoriam

**Our deepest sympathies go out to anyone who has lost a loved one in recent months. We'd like to especially recognize members of our Waite Hill community that have passed away.**

**Jack Sherwin 07/13/19**

**Richard Martinet 07/15/19**



Al & Mina Hamilton – 7283 Reserve Drive

Steven & Carmin Milazzotto – 9921 Gardenside Drive

# Book Club Anyone?



At the end of May, a small group of residents got together at Village Hall to discuss the formation of a book club. The first meeting is set for Thursday, September 26, 6:30 PM at Village Hall. *The Last Romantics* by Tara Conklin will be the first book discussed. Please join us, even if you do not finish the book, and bring a recommendation for our next book. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

If you have any questions, please contact Marcia Merritt or Janet Schuster.

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**Western Reserve Land Conservancy**

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**Western Reserve Land Conservancy  
invites you and your family to a reception at the Sherwin Preserve.**

**9600 Smith Road  
Waite Hill, Ohio 44094  
Sunday, October 6, 2019 1:00 – 3:00 PM**

You will experience a guided walk along trails led by Land Conservancy experts to view the spaces, stewardship and some of the more than 400 species protected in the Sherwin Preserve. The walk will be followed by a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception.

**To attend, please register online:  
[www.wrlandconservancy.org/event/sherwinwalk19](http://www.wrlandconservancy.org/event/sherwinwalk19)**

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*Come visit Waite Hill Village's Little Free Library located in the Village Hall lobby.*

*"Take A Book – Share A Book"*



**Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization** that inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world. There are more than 80,000 registered Little Free Libraries in all 50 states and over 90 countries.

Through these Libraries, millions of books are exchanged each year, profoundly increasing access to books for readers of all ages and backgrounds.

Little Free Library has received recognition from the Library of Congress, the National Book Foundation, *Library Journal*, the Women's National Book Association, and more.

### Waite Hill Village Council and Administration



**Left:** (left to right) Rich Steudel, Law Director Steve Byron, Sam Knezevic, Marcia Merritt, Service Director Bob Haynik

**Back:** Bob Gale

**Front:** Courtenay Taplin

**Right:** (left to right) Karl Scheucher, Chief Keith DeWitt, Mayor Bob Ranallo, Clerk-Treasurer Robbi Laps, Ryan Cox

# September 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 Extra Pick Up	6 Trash	7
8	9 Finance Mtg 7:30am Council Mtg 8am	10	11	12 Recycle Extra Pick Up	13 Trash	14
15	16	17	18	19 Extra Pick Up	20 Trash	21
22	23 Planning and Zoning 8am	24	25	26 Recycle Extra Pick Up Book Club 6:30pm	27 Trash	28
29	30					

# October 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Extra Pick Up	4 Trash	5
6	7	8	9	10 Recycle Extra Pick Up	11 Trash	12
13	14 Finance Mtg 7:30am Council Mtg 8am	15	16	17 Extra Pick Up	18 Trash	19 Village Halloween Party 5 – 7:00 pm
20	21	22	23	24 Recycle Extra Pick Up Book Club 6:30pm	25 Trash	26
27	28 Planning and Zoning 8am	29	30	31 Extra Pick Up		

# November 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 <b>Trash</b>	2
3	4	5	6	7 <b>Recycle</b> Extra Pick Up	8 <b>Trash</b>	9
10	11 Finance Mtg 7:30am Council Mtg 8am	12	13	14 Extra Pick Up	15 <b>Trash</b>	16
17	18	19	20	21 <b>Recycle</b> Extra Pick Up Book Club 6:30pm	22 <b>Trash</b>	23
24	25 <b>Planning</b> and Zoning 8am	26	27 Extra Pick Up	28	29 <b>Trash</b>	30

# December 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 <b>Recycle</b> Extra Pick Up	6 <b>Trash</b>	7
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